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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW
Early week prices were unchanged to lower in all locations. During the week, prices in New York were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was generally barely steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was mixed, light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to ample, especially on the larger sizes. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Demand light to moderate for the available offerings. Floor stocks increasing and noted as adequate to fully adequate. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Light type hen offers were moderate with offerings at least adequate. Schedules were slightly less than normal for this week and full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and medium with all other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to about steady. Cartoned egg sales were reported as slow to fairly good where features were present. Loose egg movement mostly light to about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample on large and mediums with other sizes mixed. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were moderate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules were part-time to full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-60	51-57
LARGE	49-59	50-54
MEDIUM	28-38	30-33

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-73	59-62
LARGE	52-66	57-61
MEDIUM	31-44	36-38

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Dec 23, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	75.00	73.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	40.00
MIDWEST	68.00	65.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	76.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.90	72.08	39.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	12-28-04	12-21-04	12-30-03
Large	33-41	45-53	69-73
Medium	12-17	14-19	50-54

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 27, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	17.2	8.5	17.0	10.1	60.8
	Change	-3.6	1.9	-0.4	2.2	-2.4	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.8	56.7	22.2	34.8	37.0	174.5
	Change	-6.4	6.8	2.2	3.4	-2.5	2%
Large	Curr Wk	55.3	145.5	68.8	121.7	115.7	507.0
	Change	-12.3	24.6	3.7	-8.1	-13.0	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.7	55.8	12.0	23.0	30.9	135.4
	Change	-3.4	15.7	1.0	1.2	-3.7	9%
Small	Curr Wk	6.7	8.8	1.2	6.5	8.2	31.4
	Change	1.6	0.5	0.5	1.7	-2.2	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	35.5	8.4	16.2	5.8	71.0
	Change	-1.4	3.4	-0.8	3.6	-0.2	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.1	60.8	32.6	34.6	38.3	186.4
	Change	1.1	25.3	9.3	0.1	3.2	26%
Total	Curr Wk	132.7	380.3	153.7	253.8	246.0	1166.5
Percent	Change	-16%	26%	11%	2%	-8%	5%
TOTAL		Number of		Percent	Number of		
		Cases		Change	Cooperators		
Shell Egg		1166.5		5%	173		
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		220.8		25%	35		

Total Shell Egg 1387.3 8% 208
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 25-DEC-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,111,846	25,821	11,231	6,266	2,524	3,941
PW	1,243,491	29,563	12,245	6,752	2,554	4,502
LY	989,735	25,126	8,518	4,734	2,256	3,521
% CHG PW	-11	-13	-8	-7	-1	-12
% CHG LY	12	3	32	32	12	12
2004	63,176,850	1,503,939	607,417	328,836	134,953	217,647
2003	59,504,326	1,466,589	534,395	291,009	115,690	212,513
% CHG YTD	6	3	14	13	17	2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.50	42.67	42.33
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.96	39.05	38.78

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004	Dec 18 2004	Dec 25 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL	: 29,952	29,390	21,088	21,939
AR	: 30,766	31,169	26,068	24,835
DE	: 3,887	4,033	5,570	5,458
FL	: *1,324	1,328	1,501	1,418
GA	: 33,998	33,818	26,668	26,858
KY	: *7,023	6,454	*6,135	5,826
LA	: 3,984	3,984	*3,633	3,722
MD	: 8,723	8,767	5,265	5,121
MS	: 19,553	19,033	17,507	16,738
NC	: *18,188	18,262	*14,228	14,257
OK	: 5,984	6,489	5,288	4,869
PA	: *4,078	4,038	*2,831	2,647
SC	: 4,485	4,561	4,423	4,504
TX	: 14,566	15,070	12,136	12,544
VA	: 6,408	6,249	5,249	5,114
CA, MO, TN, & WV	: *18,047	17,362	15,622	14,760
19 State Total	: *210,966	210,007	*173,212	170,610
Previous Year Total	: 205,549	205,908	170,414	168,199
Pct. of Prev. Year	: 103	102	102	101

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Feb-05 is estimated at 158.3 million head. This compares to 159.0 million head the previous week and to 159.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.90 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 23, 2004-DEC 29, 2004

LOADS:	CURRENT 44.25		FUTURE 77.75		TOTAL 122.00	
	SE		NE		MW	
	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
	GNR W 1	32.50	33.50	32.83	35.00	14.00
	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	1.00
	GL W J	--	--	58.00	59.00	3.00
	GL W XL	49.50	49.67	46.00	48.74	37.50
	GL W LG	--	46.00	--	42.00	10.00
	GL W MD	--	--	25.00	27.00	5.25
	GL W SM	23.63	26.00	--	--	2.00
	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	1.00
	NRBS - 50	--	--	25.75	27.00	2.00
	NRBS - 48	--	23.00	--	28.00	37.00
	NRBS - 45	--	--	24.00	25.00	2.00
	NRBS - 42	--	--	--	18.50	3.00
	NRBS - 39	--	--	19.33	22.00	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Selected	CW	LW	W/E 25-Dec-2004 PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
ATLANTA	22.1	28.8	-23	-33
BOSTON	2.7	3.4	-23	-38
CHICAGO	81.0	65.8	23	17
DETROIT	34.5	27.6	25	9
KANSAS CITY	4.9	5.3	-7	-15
LOS ANGELES	91.4	89.3	2	-12
NEW ORLEANS	7.0	6.7	4	-33
NEW YORK	33.9	36.9	-8	7
ST. LOUIS	15.0	24.2	-38	-8
SAN FRANCISCO	24.3	21.4	14	-2
TOTAL	316.8	309.5	2	-4
4 WK MOVING AVG	302.3			

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-Dec-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG TURKEYS				TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	556	-24	22.73	(A)	556	22.73
South Atlantic	325	-42	36.87	(A)	325	36.87
North Central	1,331	-33	33.52	(A)	1,331	33.52
South Central	390	-24	21.25	(A)	390	21.25
West	216	-50	23.53	(A)	216	23.53
U.S. total	2,818(B)	-33	29.32	0	2,818	29.32
To-date						
2004	220,690(B)			353	221,043	
To-date						
2003	239,238(B)			598	239,836	
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.						
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week						
10,000; for the current year to date 2,547,000; for last year to date						
3,121,000.						

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LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----Thousands-----			
W/E 25-Dec-2004				
Head	1,180	1,628	10	2,818
Avg Wt	16.98	38.29	24.53	0.00
Last week	1,727	2,477	26	4,230
Same wk yr ago	901	1,212	1	2,115
Avg Wt	15.43	37.60	35.67	51.50
To-date/2004	88,417	129,726	2,547	353
To-date/2003	96,855	139,262	3,121	598

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 25-Dec-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277	405
Avg Wt	5.27	3.45	7.75	5.67	6.68
Last week	159,224	1,499	1,462	2,961	540
Same wk yr ago	113,075	918	808	1,726	374
Avg Wt	5.22	3.39	8.24	5.66	6.83
To-date/2004	7,954,897	69,513	69,222	138,735	24,064
To-date/2003	7,805,484	71,716	70,992	142,708	21,078

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 126.6 million head, or 25.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-05

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/01/05(1)	12/25/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	135,098(2)	128,618
Light hens	1,348	1,188
Heavy hens	1,269	1,163
Total	137,715	130,969

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Jan-05 is 152.6 million head compared to 136.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 135.4 million head or 17.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 08-Jan-05 the estimated available is 154.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 20	158.0	154.1	103%	5.28
27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
December 4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
11	161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
Year to date	8051.6	8194.0	98%	
January 1		152.6		
8		154.9		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 27-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	62.12	37	63.25	68
Los Angeles	79.00	77.36	58	71.97	158
New York	64.00-67.00	65.77	26	65.45	58

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
20-DEC-2004	13-DEC-2004	13-DEC-2004	22-DEC-2003
68.12	-14	68.26	65.57
NUMBER OF LOADS	571		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS	73-75	-	-	-
EASTERN REGION 3/		-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	68	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 12/27/04	3,500	53,863	58,624
AM 12/01/04	3,806	66,595	60,214
CHG	-306	-12732	-1590
PCT CHG	-8%	-19%	-3%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 27-Dec-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.93
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10-11.5	10.98

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

24-Dec-04	<u>REMOVAL COST</u>	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-9	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	2-5

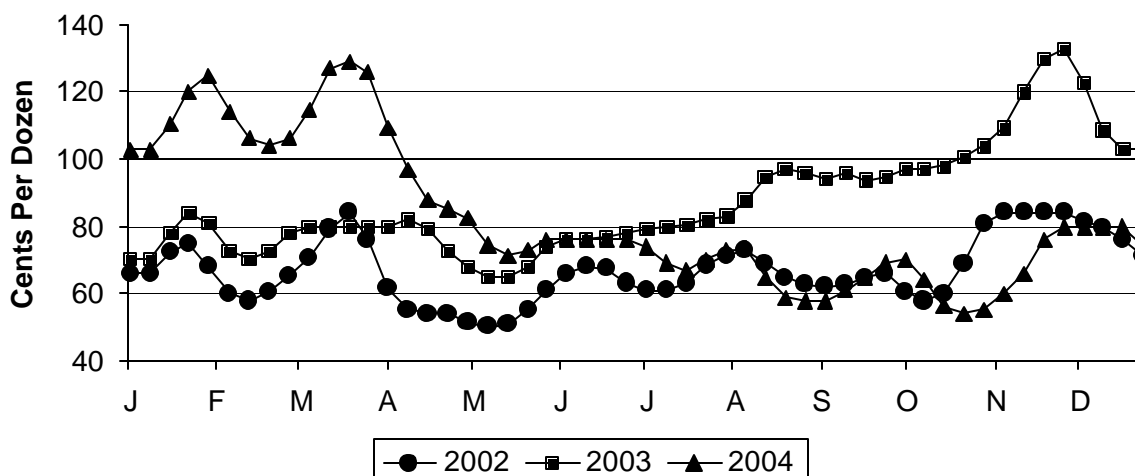
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

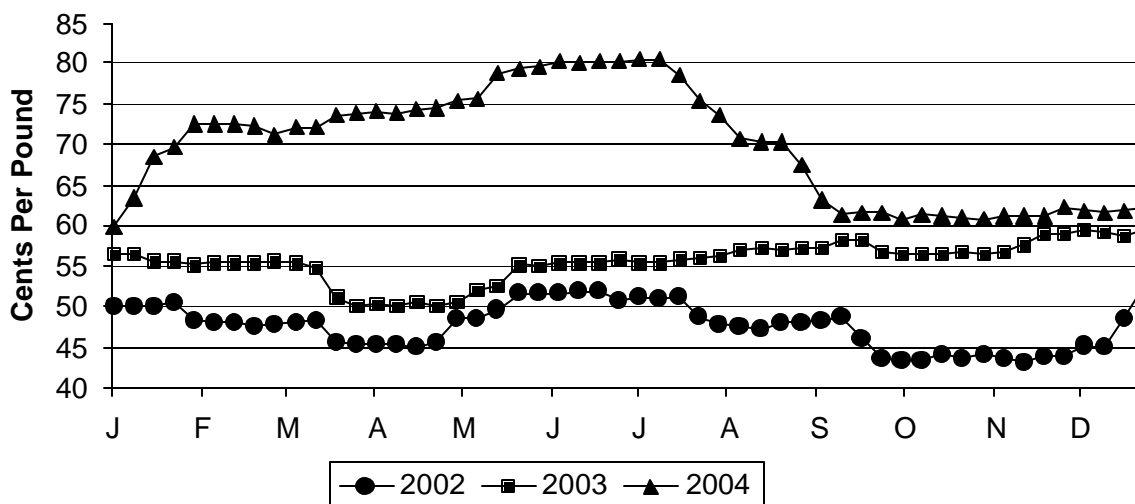
W/E 25-Dec-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM
REGIONS		PW LY
North Atlantic	250.1	-6 12
East North Central	592.4	-1 14
West North Central	280.7	-6 2
South Atlantic	219.2	-6 1
South Central	72	0 3
West	194.2	2 6
Total	1608.6	-3 8
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week 86
		Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

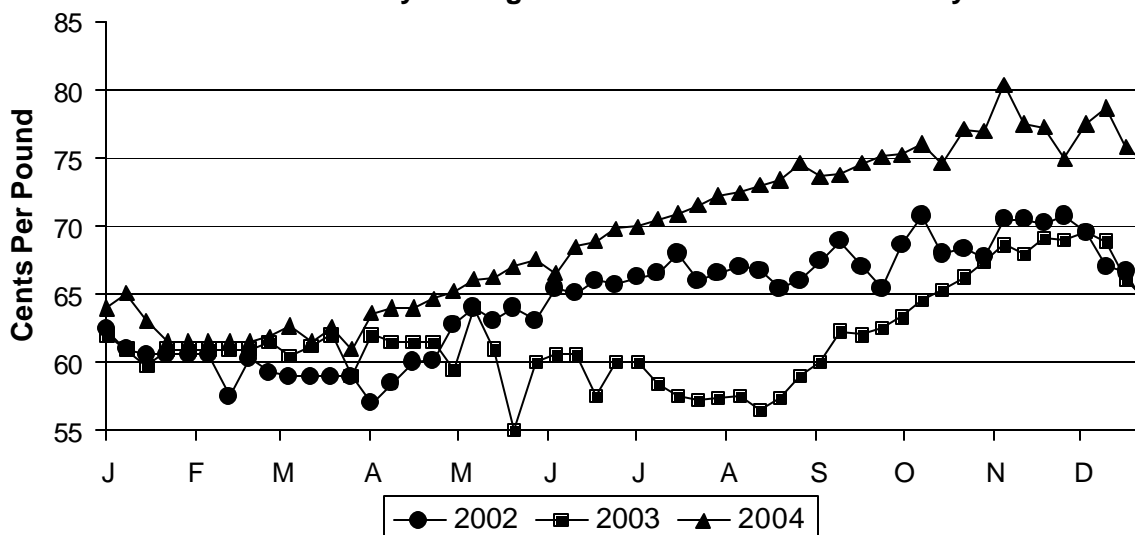
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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